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the machine only to those taken by digital cameras. It is expected that various services and/or systems only for images taken by digital cameras will spread with the spread of digital cameras.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 5, line 7, with the following rewritten paragraph.

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By loading developed film in the image conversion system of the one embodiment of the present invention, a digital image signal representing an image on the film may be recorded in a format used in a digital camera on a recording medium which can be loaded in a digital camera. Accordingly, pictures recorded on photographic film can enjoy service only for digital cameras without use of a personal computer.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 5, line 14, with the following rewritten paragraph.

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This means that even if the service providers limit a part of their services or the objects of handling of their systems to digital cameras only, the customers do not undergo great inconvenience and the providers can reasonably reduce the cost of service by limiting the object of handling to digital cameras only.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 6, line 16, with the following rewritten paragraph.

A4 The image conversion system 1 may be, for instance, in the form of a system comprising a personal computer loaded with exclusive image processing program, a film scanner and a peripheral device such as a medium drive or in the form of an image conversion unit in which all the functions are incorporated in one housing.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 7, line 11, with the following rewritten paragraph.

A5 Then, the digital image signal is transformed into a color space of an image taking system of a digital camera by color transformation means 8 of the image processing means 7, whereby an 8-bit digital image signal where each of R, G and B are expressed in 8 bits is obtained. Further, the 8-bit digital image signal is converted into a format for digital cameras, e.g. Exif, by a format conversion means 9 of the image processing means 7.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 7, line 19 and ending on page 8, with the following rewritten paragraph.

A6 The digital image signal in the converted format is recorded on a recording medium 2 for digital cameras by the image signal recording 10. When the user sets a recording medium together with the film 3, the image signal recording means 10 records the digital image on the recording medium

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set by the user, and when the user sets only the film 3, the image signal recording means 10 records the digital image on a recording medium 2 of a designated kind taken out from the medium storage portion 11. Then, the recording medium 2 on which the digital image signal is recorded is dispensed to the user.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 8, line 4, with the following rewritten paragraph.

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Various formats for digital cameras other than Exif are proposed by various digital camera makers. Accordingly, it is preferred that the image conversion system 1 be arranged so that the user can select a format from a plurality of formats, for instance, displayed on a monitor. In this case, the format conversion means 9 converts the digital image signal into the format selected by the user which is input into the format conversion means 9 by a known means such as a keyboard.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 8, line 13, with the following rewritten paragraph.

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Similarly, it is preferred that the image conversion means 1 be arranged so that the recording medium 2 can be selected from a plurality of kinds of recording media such as a smart medium (SSFDC), a PCMCIA card, a compact flash memory and the like. In this case, a plurality of kinds of recording media are stored in the medium storage portion 11 and a recording medium of the

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kind selected by the user is taken out from the storage portion 11 and the digital image signal is recorded on the recording medium.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 8, line 22 and ending on page 9, with the following rewritten paragraph.

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On the recording medium 2 dispensed from the image conversion system 1, the digital image signal is recorded in the same form as the obtained by taking a picture by a digital camera. Accordingly, the recording medium 2 can be handled by a system such as a seal print machine for only images taken by a digital camera, e.g., a system only for smart media.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 9, line 10, with the following rewritten paragraph.

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Thus, the image conversion system of the present invention makes it feasible to provide the same services for all the users irrespective of whether they possess a digital camera or whether they possess a personal computer.

In The Claims

Please amend the claim as follows:

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1. (Amended) An image conversion system comprising:
a digital image generation means which reads out an image on photographic film and generates a digital image signal representing the image;